THE BOURSES PANICKY.

STARTLING RUMORS OF WAR AND FINANCIAL DISASTER.

The Englishmen Can Manipulate Speculation on Wild Rumors Quite Successfully-The Effect of the Sweening Reduction of Judicial Rents in

LONDON, Dec. 28 .- Persistent rumors of war and financial disaster circulated in the stock exchange this afternoon, producing a genuine scare among the holders of foreign bonds. As the rumors were chiefly directed toward Russian military movements and panic in the St. Petersburg bourse, Russian bonds fell 2 per cent., although other securities sustained considerable decline in sympathy with Russians. The true cause of the excitement, however, was said, at a later hour, to be the failure of a large bank in St. Petersburg, and the Russian embassy was besieged by interested persons anxious to learn the truth, but the attaches professed to be ignorant of anything relating to the reports.

relating to the reports.

The sweeping reduction of rents preceribed by the Irish land commission has
created a tremendous senestion in England
as well as in Ireland. The average reduction of 14 per cent. below the judicial
rents ordered by the commissions is equivalent to a reduction of £360,000 per annum.
The action of Commissioners Wrench and
Lytton in signing the order is severely
criticised in many quarters, while that of
Judge O'Hagan in appending a note of
non-concurrence is, in the same circles,
highly commended.

The Dublin Press, the Irish tory organ,
says the decision of the commissioners
has given a tremendous shock to interests
in Irish land property, which must be felt
for years to come.

The Irish Times says: "The commission

for years to come.

The Irish Times says: "The commission has abated rents to a large extent without the slightest thought of a plan for so doing or a check to any evil effect that may fol-

From these comments, which are fair ex amples of the general criticism, it will be seen that the commission has succeeded in pleasing nobedy, though it may possibly be said in its behalf that little short of absolute

said in its behalf that little short of absolute abatement of rents would have satisfied the one side, nor would the other have folt that thad secured its full rights unless the minission had greatly increased the rents astend of reducing them.

It is rumored that a strong effort is to be made to oust Lord Aylesbury from his seat in the house of lords because of the recent turf scandals in which he figured so disgracefully. Doubtless many of the lords would be pleased to rid the upper house of Aylesbury, but there are some—and not a few—among them not a whit better than Lord Aylesbury, who would hesitate to throw stones at him because of the danger to which they would expose their own glass bouses.

throw stones at him because of the danger to which they would expose their own glass houses.

A desperate fight between Catholics and Orangemen occurred on Monday in the village of Killybearn, near Nookstown, Stones, bricks, revolvers, &c., were freely used. The house of a priest was completely wrecked and the windows of other houses were smashed. The Orangemen were restforced and the struggle was becoming serious when the police stopped the fight. Several persons were arrested.

The Madagascar authorities refuse to release Gen. Willoughby, in jail tor misappropriating money, notwithstanding the protests of the British consul.

The Bulgarian sobraple has voted 2,000,000 frances to fortify Bulgarian ports.

Three girls under 13 years of ago, inmates of the Good Shepherd Jonnens, have swern out warrants charging a military official with criminal assaults.

Advices from Auckland announce that the French have annexed Ruistea, the gunboat Scorpion having bombarded the town, and a proclamation was issued stating that the natives would be punished if they did not submit to French authority.

Great activity prevails among the Italian troops at Massowah, proparations being mase to meet the Abyssinian forces.

The Moscow Gazette says Lord Randolph Churchill's visit to Russia will dispel his prejudices. He starts for Moscow Saturday and then returns to St. Petersburg, where he will remaio during January.

The Merchant Prince, which had a fire in he hold, has discharged 1,000 bales of cotton from her hold, all of which were damaged. It is thought the remainder of the cargo has been damaged.

it is said Lord Stanley G. Preston has cepted the governor generalship of Can-

nea.

The foreign office announces that Lord Bandolph Churchill's visit to Russia is without the knowledge of the government. Publisher Corcoran, of the Cork Emminer, has been arrested for printing reports of suppressed league meetings. RUSSIA IS PRACEFUL.

Behlin, Dec. 28. — Prince Lobanoff,
Russian ambassador at Vienna, assures
Count Kalnoky that Russia is pursuing a
policy of peace, and that the concentration
of troops on the Galician frontier ir not an
aggressive movement.

Count Schouvaloff, Russian ambassador
to Germany, had an audience with the emperor to-day. The emperor is enjoying
good health.

The Danish minis'er denies that any

The Danish minis'er denies that any member of the Danish royal family was implicated in sending the forged telegrams

to the czar.
It is said that an entente cordiale between Russia and Austria, even on the most diffi-cult points in the Bulgarian dispute, is possible. The rumors of Emperor William's death which were circulated in Londen to day are absolutely without foundation.

The German ambassador at Constanti-

nople has officially given notice that Ger-many will support Austria if Russia provokes a war.

vokes a war.

The French officers at the South Sea Islands have issued an ultimatum to the rebels to surrender to King Tamatave.

Dr. Mackenzie says for more than a moath the crown prince has been free from the unpleasant sensations experienced last January. He is hopeful and cheerful.

Yielding to advice from friendly powers Austria has made advances to Russia which assure a continue or peace.

which assure a continue or peace.

The crown prince's physicians have dispatched a favorable bulletle regarding their atient's condition. Prince Bismarck has asked the house to

agree that the next coinage of 20,000,000 gold marks on account of the reichsbank shall be at the expense of the imperia

TWO DURLS FOR PARIS. PARIS, Dec. 28.—M. Mayer, director of the Gaulois, has challenged M. De Woe-styne, formerly the Paris correspondent of a leading New York newspaper, for articles published in the Journal Parisian, and a duel with swords will probably take place

o morrow.

M. Garnier challenged M. Vervoot, editor of the Exement, on account of a certain article published by the latter. M. Vervoot replied that when such dueling experts as M. Rochefort and M. Bertegralvit refused to fight M. Garoler, ha (Vervoot) could very well decline the challenge.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The executive commit-ce of the Illinois River Improvement Associam bas prepared a bill to submit to Congress

A 30-Day After Death Note Valid. ROUNDOUT, N. Y., Dec. 28.-Judge Kenyon

ins decided that a note made payable "thirty type after death," when the recipient sup-ored it to be "thirty days after date," is said, and cannot be collected until the time A Victim to Cigarettes Troy, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Richard H. Barringer oled this morning of an affection of the heart augravated by dropsy. He was a constant clearette smoker and all his physicians agree if at his system was shattered by the nicotine GOV. MARMADUKE DEAD.

Missouri's Chief Magtstrate's Unexpected Death.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 28 .- Gov

John S. Marmaduke died at the executive mansion at 9:37 o'clock to night. Gov. mansion at 9:37 o'clock to night, Gov. Marmaduke has not been well since the adjournment of the legislature last summer. Some time after the close of the session he went to Europe. The party visited England and Ireland briefly, and finally located at a famous watering place in Beigium, where they remained three or four weeks. For several weeks past his friends have noticed that he was breaking down. On Friday last he felt badly, but attended to his official duties as usual. On Saturday night he was troubled with a bad cough, and on Sunday his brother, Darwin W. Marmaduke, Insisted on summoning medical aid. Dr. Davison, who was called in, informed the governor that he was liable to a violent sitack of pneumonia; that evening he made a trip to the office but quickly returned and complained of pains in his lurgs. On Monday he stayed at home and by Tuesday morning his cordition had become so much worse that he asked that Dr. Young, superintendent of the Nevada Lunatic Asylum, be sent for. His brother, of St. Louis, was also telegraphed for. He remained in bed all day, but was able to discuss official business, and to join in general conversation with a number of friends who had called to inquire as to his condition. Up to 2 o'clock this morning no special unessiness was felt, but at that hour a change for the worse became visible, and he commenced sinkleg. By 2:30 o'clock this afternoon a great change had occurred, and his physicians, after holding a consultation, unanimously announced that he was beyond the reach of medical skill. Marmaduke has not been well since the ad-At 9:40 to-night, surrounded by members of his household and a number of intimate personal and official associates, he breathed his last.

THE PROBIBITION BATTLE.

enator Palmer Thinks the District of Columbia Will See the First of It.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 28.—In an interview published here to-day, Senator view published here to-day, Senator Falmer expressed himself as follows on the temperance question: "I am a Republican first, last, and all the time, and for that very reason I am anxious that the Republican party should keep pace with public sentiment on the liquor question, and for that reason I talked as I did at the conference of the Republicans at the Michigan Club and still more emphatically to the New York Tribunc."

"It was current here that you predicted that the Republican party would declare for prohibition and make the fight for that

issue?"
"That the Republican party will destroy the saloon is not a prophecy; it is merely an observation. Read the history of that party and note the character of its personnel. Its strength lies in the homes, the school houses, and the churches of the land. The saloon is the enemy of all three. The party's purpose is the elevation and happiness of the citizens; the saloon is in politics and is in to stay till destroyed. That can be seen with the eyes and heard with the ears. It needs no proof, it arogantly confronts the Republican party—just now somewhat weakened by the defection of free trade, Mugwumps, and misguided third party temperance men—and challenges it to combat. Is there anything in the history of the Republican party to warrant a doubt as to what answer it will return?"

"How and where do you expect the opening stirmish to begin?"
"Unless you refer to local and state struggles, I shoold say where the national battle against alavery was sought to be first formed—in the District of Columbia. If the drink problem can be solved by law in that District it will be accepted as a full solution without further trial. I think a bill to abolish the traffic in the District will be urged upon Congress at this seession. It has been already intro-That the Republican party will destroy

the District will be urged upon Congress at this session. It has been already introduced in the Senate by Mr. Platt, and you make a note that it was not introduced for buncombe or for fun."

SULLIVAN A DEAD COCK.

Evidently There Will Be No Fight Between Him and Ktirain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-The \$5,000 deposited for Kilrain by R. K. Fox in the re-Sporting Life office to day by!Referee and Stakeholder Atkinson. A number of sporting men and members of the Pelican Club ing men and memories of the region Cuto were present to learn of Mr. Fox's decision on the offer to back "Toff" Wall, the English light weight, against Dempsey. In reply to Wm. E. Harding's cable of their offer, Mr. Fox wired back:

Dempsey out of town. Can you got Kilrain and Suillyan to sign articles to fight in America or Mexico six mouths from January? Clipper stakeholder; first deposit Sporting Life. Con-suit Kilrain, Michell, Atkinson. Sullivan cannot object. Auswer.

To this Mr. Harding replied : Kirain received your present—£1,255. Tramendous reception on leaving Sporting Life with Kirain and Mitchell. Kirain sends you thanks, where you a happy New Year, and continued prosperity. Sullivan dead cock. Let him die. Mr. Fox says that he will consult Demp

sey on his return from New Haven, where he now is, and act accordingly in reference to Wall's backer's offer. SULLIVAN CHALLENGES SMITH. London, Dec. 29.—Sullivan has challevged Smith to fight for £1,000 a side, the alfair to come off a fortnight after Sullivan's match with Mitchell has been fought. Sullivan has deposited £500 forfelt.

PHYSICIANS PUZZLED,

They Cannot Identify a Strange Disease Which Kills Two Children.

WILKES BARRE, PA., Dec. 28.—Two hildren of H. A. Savage have died within the past forty-eight hours of a very strange disease. Shortly before death their bodies turned black. A post mortem examination will be made. The physicians cannot diag-

INDIAN TROUBLE FEARED. Ites Leave Their Reservation-A Con

flict Likely. GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COL., Dec. 28 .- Th Utes are off their reservation in the White River country, and are buying all the fire arms they can procure. The cattle men fearing a raid, have ordered their cowboys to shoot any Utes they may see on their ranges. A bloody conflict is feared.

Savannah River Convention.

AUGUSTA, GA., Dec. 28,-At a great public meeting held in Augusta Exchange to-day, a konvention of the people of the entire savannah valley was called to targe on Congress the importance of the Savannah river for navigation purposes, and to ask of the federal government the necessary appropriation to improve the stream. The convention was called to meet Jan. 25th next.

Booming Commercial Union Boston, Dec. 28.—The Merchants' Associa-ion held their annual banquet at the Hote Vendome to-day. Several prominent Cana-dians, including Bir John MacDonald, were present. The tenor of most of the speecher was decidedly in favor of commercial re-ciprocity been the United States and Canada.

To Amend the Interstate Law. CHICAGO, Dec. 25,-The Central Traffic Association has authorised Commissione Blanchard to prepare for submission to Con gress amendments to the interstate commerce bill, which protect ratiroads from fraudulan misrepresentations of shippers and preventary but authorized agents from selling tickets

Labor Party Active.

Indianapoles, Dec. 25.—The state Labor party will hold a convention here Mar. 7 to nominate a state and congressional ticket.

THE GREAT STRIKE RENEWED A PORTION OF THE READING EMPLOYES AGAIN QUIT WORK.

The Exact Cause of the Second Sus pension Not Known-Contradictory Statements by the Labor Leaders and Representatives of the Company.

PHILADRIPHIA, Dec. 28.—There was a celling of uncertainty in Port Richmond all day, and there was some hesitation about going on a second strike. Still it appeared that some sort of an order had gone forth, and at noon most of the coal handlers quit work. The leaders claimed that they had gone on strike, but the representatives of the company denied this, and declared that they had quit work because of the rain, and also because there was no work to do by reason of the "top" work being slack. The fourteen "wharf rate" began work as usual this morning, five of he crews being composed of new men. At precisely 13 o'clock, however, the whistle of one of the en-gines was blown five times as a signal to stop work. The crews of seven of the engines heeded the signal and put out the fires. The superintendent of the company states that the other seven of the crows remained loyal to the company, and sept the following telegram to General Superintendent Swiegard and received his superintendent Swiegard and received him with protection, and said to them that as they have evidenced their loyalty to the company by remaining at their engines and sot drawing their fires, I would promise them, if they thought it unsafe to remain on the engines, to see to it that their positions would be open for them at any time." Over 700 coal handlers left the yard, and the leaders said they had obeyed an order to strike, and the superintendent said they had gone home on account of the rain and intended to come back again. This has been the situation all the afternoon, the statements of the eman and the representatives of the company being exactly opposed to each other as to the status of the present difficulty. At the time the coal handlers quit there were ten steam colliers, eix barges, five sailing vessels, and ten otherboats lying at the Port Richmond wharves walting for cargoes of coal.

Spperintendent Kelm denies that there is a strike, and while there was no trouble of any kind during the day the company sent for additional police, and obtained the services of fifty uniformed men. It has in addition to these, it is said, 500 armed Pinkerton detectives and private policemen scattered around the coal piers and vicinity. The reason for this action was a fear that some damage to property might be attempted. The men assert there is no excuse for sending policemen to the scene, and say that they are as anxious as the company that no property shall be damned. It was learned this afte out the fires. The superintendent of the company states that the other seven of the

150 in all. Their places have not yet been lilled.

All along the Reading lines in this city, running into their different stations, trains seem to be running as usual, and to the casual observer no indication of trouble would appear. The men themselves are so reticent about the strike and the causes which brought it on that information is difficult to obtain. With the exception of the coal handlers at Port Richmond, there does not appear to be any trouble, and diligent inquiry has failed to reveal the true situation, and, although the order for the strike gent inquiry has falled to reveal the true situation, and, although the order for the strike
is generally believed to have been issued by
John L. Lee, chairman of the executive
committee of the Philadelphia and Reading
railroad employes' convention, even this
material point caunot be definitely learned.
The trouble seems to bear with it a cloud of
mystery which cannot so far be penetrated.
Chairman Lee has been in Pottsville for
two days past, and the order for the strike
is said to have been sent to min from this
city last night by a special messenger, the
identity of whom has not been made
known.

A meeting of Port Richmond Coal Hand-Labor, was held this afternoon after the Labor, was held this afternoon after the cessation of work, and much enthusiasm is said to have been manifasted. It was reported that the men were on strike; that the strike order was lotended to become general, and that the real struggle with the company was about to begin. It was also reported that the stevedores doing work at the Port Richmond piers and belonging to Local Assembly 7302 were on strike and intended to remain firm with the coal handlers. Until the close of the day work was continued at Willow street wharf and along handlers. Until the close of the day werk was continued at Willow street wharf and along that street to Broad. Dispatcher Goodman said at 6 o'clock that the freight had been moved regularly all day. All the men who resumed after the strike on Tuesday continued at work as usual and professed to have no knowledge of the new order to strike. About sixty men were employed at the freight platforms and there were no new or pou-union men among them. Goodnew or non-union men among them. Good-man said that he had been told by a number of the men during the day that if there was another order to strike they would probably not obey it. Some of the men expressed hemselves as anxious not to be involved

in any more trouble.

The following notice was posted at the Willow street wharf office to-night: A reward of \$1,000 will be paid any person or persons who will furnish the evidence which will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of violence to the company's employees or its property.

J. A. Swigdard, General Superintendent.

J. A. Swingans, General Superintendent. Around Port Richmond to-night quiet prevails everywhere. A largely attended meeting of Local Assembly No. 6325, which is the largest one on the Reading lines, was held at Mutual Hall this evening, and aid not end until nearly midnight. This assembly is composed of coal handlers, stevedores, and in fact all the employes around Port Richmond, and has a membership of nearly 3,000. All of those present were very enthusiastic, and were loud in the declaration that this trouble would be a fight to a finish. They claim that even though the last strike may have been ill-advised, that they now have a cause to fight for—which is the discharge of these who were most prominent in the previous strike. One of the executive consulttee of the Reading employes' convention said after the meeting that the order to strike included every department of the system, even to the miners and the New York branch, and that assurances had been received that it would be generally obeyed. Nothing but United States mails, they say, will be hauled over the road, and that with all of those who are ready to take the strikers' places enough crews could not be made up to operate any more than an Around Port Richmond to-night quiet

they say, will be hauled over the road, and that with all of those who are ready to take the strikers' places enough crews could not be made up to operate any more than an insignificant fraction of the service. When asked how it was that on all of the different local branches of the road traffic was going on as usual, the leaders repiled that the order to strike, by reason of being delivered by a special messenger, had not yet reached all points, but that by to-morrow things would present an entirely different appearance. Officials of the company who were seen to night declars that there is absolutely no trouble, and that the places of the few employes who have left the service have been filled. As far as Port Richmond is concerned everybody has gone out, and the strikers, committee say that the seven crews who remained on their engines when the signal was given this noon are included among them. These crews, they say, only remained in long enough to put the engines in their proper places, and in order to do this it was necessary to drill a large number of cars, but as soon as this was done they drew the fires and left the engines on the other when fires and left the engine on they drew the fires and left the engine on the other when fires and left the engine on the other when fires and left the engine on the other when fires and left the engine on the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other when fires and left the engine of the other of t

ber of cars, but as soon as this was done they drew the fires and left the engines on a side track, leaving everything in good Assembly 6285 to-night adopted a reso-

lution refusing to return to work until all of their men were reinstated.

Telegrams were received from Mahanoy City and Shamokin that everything was that up at those points, and that the men were firm in their determination to stay out until all existing troubles were satisfactorily settled.

Only two or three members of the execu

all existing troubles were satisfactorily settled.

Only two or three members of the executive committee are in the city, and they are persistently reticent about their future movements.

READING, PA., Dec. 28.—It was learned at the office of the Reading Railroad Company in this city this evening that the work of clearing the sidings of coal cars had been finished and that any coal hauted to tidewater on and after to-morrow would have to be mined in the collieries, some of which, however, are idle. The officials here do not apprehend any great difficulty with the miners, on the ground that with them, as with the railroaders, the present atrike has caused a division of sentiment on the subject of striking. It is estimated that from 500 to 800 employes of the Reading railroad along the entire line have lost their positions because they had either refused to obey the company's orders or had helped to foment and encourage the strike. Fully 50 per cent. of the crows passing through this city are rew men.

The convention of Reading railroad employes which has been called to meet here to-morrow will be called to order, according to their present programme, at 7 o'clock in the evening. It is expected that there will be a greater divison of sentiment in the convention than for some years past on the question of pursuing active and aggressive measures against the company. Some of the prominent labor leaders discharged in Philadelphia will be present, and present their side of the case. The delegates from Reading and other places along the road who have refused to participate in the strike will urge a quiet submission at this time, while there are others, particularly from the coal regions and Port Richmond, who say that they will alvocate fighting it out and paying the company for what they look upon as unfair dealing. From all indications the coal miners will control the convention, and it may be dealed to morrow as to whether or not they will strike. This afternoon nearly 200 coal and freight engineers, brakemen, and f

men at Port Richmond went out to-day was that issued last night and transmitted to the various local assemblies along the line of the road by special messengers.

The convention of District Assembly, No. 12, in session here to day, adjourned this afternoon without baving taken determinate action upon the subject of the demand of the miners for an advanced scale of wages for 1888. The understanding was that the delegates should return to their homes and confer this evening with their respective local assemblies. These delegates will participate in to-morrow's general convention of Reading employes at Reading, at which among other things the question of a general strike of the miners will be decided, and it is understood that their action there will be governed by the view indicated by the local assemblies this evening. Before adjourning the conventions telegraphed to President Corbin offering the services of the Miners' Amalgamated Association and Knights of Labor, composed of seven representatives of each of these organizations, to act as mediators.

composed of seven representatives of each of these organizations, to act as mediators between the Reading Railroad Company and its striking employes. No reply had been received when the convention ad-

journed.

The executive board of the Miners and Laborers' Amalgamated Association also met in this city, but little was done beyond considering the bearings of the railroad statics.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT. New Grab Game That Became Very Profitable.

The Young People's Union of the Church of Our Father gave a Christmas entertainment last night to the Sunday school which is attached to that church. A large crowd was present and every visitor secured admission by giving a vegetable or an apple to the doorkeeper, and a large quantity of products were received and will be dis-

to the doorkeeper, and a large quantity of products were received and will be distributed among the deserving poor.

A fine tree, reaching up to the chandeller, was in the center of the church, and its branches bore fruit of many descriptions and varied values. R. N. McKee acted as Santa Claus and was a decided success, handing out the presents which had been contributed by everybody for distribution to everybody else.

Santa Claus was assisted by Miss Annie Tichenor, W. W. Curry, George A. Jordan, and Judge Hildebrandt. Among the donations was a supply of oranges sufficient for the whole school, contributed by Rev. Mr. Kent, the late pastor of the church.

The various stands were well provided with fancy goods, edibles, and liquids, and were well patronized. A Christmas pudding, which was nothing more nor less than a washboiler full of bran and fancy articles, was for sale at 5 cents a spoonful. It caught lots of people, and created no end of merriment. A peanut grab—5 cents a grab—was very popular, and there was a prize of a tollet case to the person who grabbed the greatest number of nuts. Mr. George A. Jordan won the case with a total of fifty-seven peanuts. A Republican reporter whose hands are as large as Cincinnati hams did net compete, but he lifted fifty nine nuts, just to show how he neglet have won if he had only had the necessary nickel to invest in a grab.

The executive committee worked hard to make the entertainment a success, and the results were very graiffying. The following laddes compose the committee: Miss Cora Curry, Miss Helen Matthews, and

ing ladies compose the committee: Miss Cora Curry, Miss Helen Matthews, and Miss Elizabeth Hills.

have decided to begin a vigorous campaign and put a full ticket in the field.

Kansas Prohibitionists

TOPEKA, KANS., Dec. 28 .- The Prohibi

RAILWAY NOTES Freight Agent Kenyon, of the Late Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, died at Buf-falo yesterday, aged 62.

The Pacific Railway Company filed articles of incorporation in Nebraska yesterday. The capital is \$10,000,000. The Central Traffic Association has ordered a 10 per cent, increase on east and west bound freights to take place Jan. 1.

The investigation into the affairs of the Pittsburg and Lake Eric continues, but rail road men think nothing will come of it. The Indianapolis and Wabash, and the Indianapolis, Quincy and Missouri River rail roads have consolidated under the name of the Indianapolis, Decatur and Western, Capital, \$5,000,000.

tal, \$8,000,000.

A sockholder of the Pittsburg Junction road objects to issuing a second mortgage for extending the lines, as preferred stock was issued for that purpose on which dividends would be paid had the Baltimore and Ohio kept its agreement.

The statement of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company for November shows not earnings of \$1.75,892, an increase of \$15,693 as compared with the same mouth last year. For the cleven month ended Nov 30, the not earnings were \$1.683,994, an increase of \$388,818 as compared with the corresponding period of 1886.

The official statement of the business of all the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company east of Pittsburg and Eric for November, 1887, as compared with the same month in 1886, shows an increase in gross earnings of 857, 886, an increase in exposures of \$573, 497, a decrease in met earnings of \$10,531. The eleven months of 1887, as compared with the same period in 1886, shows an increase in gross earnings of \$1,505,385, an increase in increase in exposured of \$1,585, 385, an increase in het earnings of \$31,685, all lines were of Pittsburg and Eric for the eleven months of 187 show a surplus over all habilities of \$1,595,599, being a gain as compared with the same period of 1386 of \$1,045,156.

PROHIBETION IN THE DISTRICT.

Working on Senators and Members To

Secure It. - The Probibition Union met last night at 207 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Mr. H. B. Moulton presided and Mr. Gilbert D. Fox took notes of the proceedings. The attendance was quite small but those present showed great vigor of spirit and purpose. A motion was made and carried purpose. A motion was made and carried to hold two large meetings during the last week in Janusry or in the early part of February, to which prominent speakers of the Prohibition party are to be invited. The names of Gen. Fisk and Dr. Leonard were included in the list of those to be invited, as also the Silver Lake Quarteite, which comprises active speakers as well as singers. The sum of \$100 was appropriated for the purposes of the organization.

A resolution was adopted inviting all the ministers of the city to attend the meetings.

the organization.

A resolution was adopted inviting all the ministers of the city to attend the meetings and become acquainted with the objects of the union. Ice that the were also ordered to be extended to the W. C. T. U. and the Woman's Suffrage Association to Join hands with them.

Mrs. Weaver, of the W. C. T. U., was introduced, and stated that next week petitions which had been sent to all parts of the United States for signatures praying for prohibition in this District would be presented in Congress. These petitions would be arranged seconding to congressional districts, so that congressmen could see how their constituents stood on the subject. She stated that some of the petitions signed were five yards long. Nearly 200,000 lady members of the W. C. T. U. throughout this country had taken the matter in head and the results of their efforts were coming in very fast.

matter in hand and the results of their efforts were coming in very fast.

Mr. Moulton had read the prohibition hill for the District introduced in Congress by Mr. Platt. He said that he had every assurance that it would pass the Senate, but that great work must be done in the House.

Invitation to sign the constitution was accepted by quite a number. The meeting then adjourned.

ONE MORE RAILROAD WANTED To Run from East Washington to Suitland.

The Citizens' Association of East Washington held a meeting last night at Weller & Repettl's office, Pennsylvania avenue, near Fourth street. The committees on the library and on the New Jersey avenue off depot were granted further time. Mr. Weller submitted a draft of a bill to be preweiler submitted a draft of a bill to be pre-sented to Congress asking for the right of way for a new street railway to be run from Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast to the new Eastern Branch bridge, across that structure, along the new road to be constructed from the southern end of the bridge to the District line, and thence to Suttland. The road is to be known as the Washington and Suttand. The fare is to Suttland. The road is to be known as the Washington and Suttland. The fare is to be 5 cents within the city limits and 20 cents ou side of it. After some debate the matter was referred to a committee composed of Mesars. Herrell, Gaddis, Benjamin, Farrow, and Dawson for consideration and report. Mr. Weller stated to the members that Contractor Conger, who is building the new Eastern branch bridge, had told him and Mr. Herrell that in an interview which he bad with Chief Eagineer Brown, of the Pennsylvania rallroad in Philadelphia recently, Mr. Brown said that if the bridge when built was in the way of the railroad the company would knock it that if the bridge when built was in the way of the railroad the company would knock it down, notwithstanding the fact that it was built by the United States. Mr. Weller stated that the railroad company had determined not to fight the suit brought against it by the government. They had discovered that they were not entitled to the ground on which their tracks are at that point, but that their right of way was below that point. The contract to straighten the tracks along the bank of the Eastern branch had been given out, and the work would soon commence.

ALEXANDRIA MATTERS.

Items of Interest Gathered for the "Republican's" Readers.

Coroner Powell yesterday held an inquest as to the cause of the death of the late Chas. House at the undertaking establishment of Mr. B. Wheatley on King street. Fifteen witnesses were examined. The testimony of the entire number discountenanced the theory of suicide, and established the facts, as heretofore stated in the REPUBLICAN, that Mr. House was mistaken as to the road the train was on. The jury, after hearing all the evidence found that the hearing all the evidence, found that the deceased came to his death by being run over by a railroad train on the Alexandria and Fredericksburg railroad, and that no blame can be attached to the employes of the

ompany. Dr. E. W. Slavmaker, of Baltimore, Md. Dr. E. W. Slaymaker, of Baltimore, Md., is in the city on a visit to his parents.

It is learned that the Democratic members of the city council will in all probability meet in caucus to night and nominate a candidate to fill the vacaucy in the mavorsity occasioned by the death of the Hon. John B. Smoot. It is generally believed that the president of the board of aldermen, Mr. H. Strauss, will be the caucus nomines. Mr. H. Strauss, will be the caucus nominee, which is equivalent to an election, as the Democrats have a majority upon joint bal

Mr. Robert P. Aitcheson has been elected a director of the German Co-operative Building Association, Nos. 3 and 4, vice Mr. J. F. Waddey, deceased.

It is generally believed that Mr. Frank Hume, of Alexandria county, will be the preference of the Alexandria delegation for successor to Mr. Smoot as president of the Mount Vernon Avenue Association. The name of Mr. Benoni Wheat, of this city, has also been suggested. also been suggested.

MRS. ASTOR'S WILL.

Large Bequests to Philanthropic Institutions.

New York, Dec. 28 -The will of the late Mrs. Charlotte Augusta Astor, executed June 18, 1886, was filed to-day with the surrogate. After bequests to relatives and personal friends she makes the following Woman's Hospital of state of New York Woman's Hospital of state of New York, \$25,000; St. Luke's Hospital, \$25,000; Young Women's Christian Association of this city, \$25,000; Children's Aid Society, \$25,000; for an industrial school on Avenue B, \$10,000; Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va., \$25,000; the sum of \$25,000 to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church of the United States of America, one-half to be applied to the education of Indian hoys and girls of South Dakots and the other half to the repair and enlargement of schools in the same district; New York Society for Preventien of Cruelty to Cuildren, \$1,000; Orphans' Home and Asylam of the P. E. Church in New York, \$1,000; Society for the Relief of Destitute Blind, in this city and vicinity, \$1,000. The bulk of her estate also bequeaths to her husband, John Jacob Astor.

To Stop Gambling in Deaver DENVER, Cot., Dec. 28.—Mayor Lee startled he sporting fraternity to-night by the an incement that he would issue an order urday closing all gambling houses, gre I small. This will affect probably one hi and small. This will affect probably one ful dred and fifty fare and poker proons. The la-sgainst gambling houses have never been e-forced here, and this new crussale is a surpri-to the sporting fraternity.

Babcock Dies in an Almshouse. Fan Francisco, Dec. 28.—M. D. Baucock eventor of the fire extinguisher, died in a imphouse Sunday. At one time in held Imshouse Sunday. At one time he had a noome of \$10,000 a month. Approve Secretary Whitney's Plan

BUFFALO, Dec. 28, -The merchants' exchange bave adopted resolutions favoring a naval reurnalist, with his wife, is spending the holi erve on the lakes, as suggested by the Secre my of the Navy. NASHVILLE, TESN., Dec. 28,-John J. Little-on, editor of the National Review, who was

shot by Joseph Banks Baturday, died

SWEPT BY A BLIZZARD.

FEARFULLY COLD WEATHER IN THE WESTERN STATES.

Below Zero Reports From All Section -Heavy Snow Storms Accompany the Drop in Temperature-How the Rail-

MINNEAPOLDS, MINN., Dec. 28.—The temperature this morning is 14" below zero. Clear and little wind. The storm of yester lay does not appear to have touched north ern Minnesota or Dakota. Very little snow fell here yesterday. Telegraphic communication in the northwest is uninterrupted. and no blockades are reported except alight and no blockades are reported except slight ones in the southern part of the state. District the coldest weather of the season, 25° below. Brainerd reports not below yesterday. Indications are that the cold will moderate to night.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—The thermometer this morning is at 16°, a fall of 28° since yesterday afternoon.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 25.—The blizzard struck this city on Tuesday evening causes the season of the state of the season of the seas

windsa, Minn, Dec. 25 - 1he bilartin struck this city on Tuesday evening, caus-ing the mercury to drop to 17 below. The weather is clear and cold this morning, with cceasional light snows. Reports from the surrounding country up to 12 m. Wednes-day indicate no-stoppage in traffic by the storm. BLOOMINGTON, It.L., Dec. 25.—The mer-

BLEOMINGTON, I.L., Dec. 25.—The mercury is 10° below zero this morning. The weather is bright. The Hillingis Central mall train was five hours late. All the mails are delayed.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, Dec. 25.—Last night was the coldest of the season. The thermometer this morphing registered 10° below zero. Passenger trains on the Burlington, Cedar Rapics, and Northern railway were sixteen hours late, and freight trains were abandoned. On the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger trains from the west were all late, and many freights were laid out.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, Dec. 28.—The cold DAVENDER, IOWA, Dec. 28.—The cold snap struck this place yesterday aftersoon, the mercury failing 42° in twenty four hours, registering 12° below zero this morning at 6 ° clock. Trains were nearly all delayed, those from the gouthwest several hours.

CEDAR RAPIDS, 10WA, Dec. 28.—Nearly all trains are delayed by the bizzard that is now raging in the northwest. Thermometer 15° below this morning and 3° above at noon.

MILWAUREE, Dec. 28,-Trains on all Mil.WAUKEE, Dec. 28.—Trains on all roads running into this place were from one to five hours late this morning in consequence of the bilizzard which raged in this section throughout the night. Snow fell to the depth of five and one-half inches, and drifted badly. The highest velocity of the wind was thirty-six miles an hour. At noon the mercury recorded 4° below. The zero line runs from Lake Superior south to Milwaukee, and southwest to southern Wisconsin. Colder weather is predicted by the local signal officer. A wild snow storm is ranging on the upper Michigan penfasula, and train blockades will be the result.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA., Dec. 28.—The thermometer early this morning marked 18° below. The snow fall was not heavy, but

bigh winds gave the trouble.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Dec. 28.—The temporature was 10° below this morning. Train
ture was 10° below this morning. Train
ture was 10° below this morning. Debugue, Iowa, Dec. 28.—The tempora-ture was 10° below this morning. Trains were late in all directions, and the passen-ger train on the Illinois Central from the west, due at 9:30 last night, arrived at 7 this morning. No trains are running be-tween Watertown and Sloux City. Trains on the Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, from west of McGregor, are arriving six hours behind time. Trains on the two river roads are running through behind time. CHEBOYGAN, MICH., Dec. 28.-A terrible

Chinoyean, Mich., Dec. 28.—A terrible storm is sweeping over this portion of the state, delaying trains, blocking highways, and impeding travel.

Lincoln, Nen., Dec. 28.—The cold weather reached a climax this morning, the mercury standing 13° below. There has not been much snow in Nebraska and no delay to trains worth mentioning. Com-

not been much snow in Nebraska and no delay to trains worth mentioning. Communication has been had with all points on 2,000 m les of road and no disaster or damage is reported.

Springfrind, Ill., Dec. 25.—A cold wave bore down on this city last evening from the northwest. The mercury had stood about 10° above zero during the day and this morning it was about 10° below. The railroad trains have generally arrived and departed nearly on time.

OMARA, NER., Dec. 25.—Yesterday's bilgrard slatted in Manitoba Saturday, and on Christmas howled through Montana, Da.

on Christmas howled through Montana, Da

bilgrard statted in Manitoba Saturday, and on Christmas howled through Montans, Dakots, and the western territories. It struck Omaha Monday night with a velocity of Similes per hour, the temperature being 50 below zero, while Bismarca and Fort Buford registered 22 below. It had little effect on railroad traffic. The Burlington and Missouri report one freight train snowed under on the Schuyler branch, but all trains on time along the main lice. On the Union Pacific the greatest delay reported was three hours on the east-bound "figer," all other trains tolching up lost time after the storm had abated. To-day, agents all along the line west of Omaha report weather cold and caim, with everything on time. Trains arrived late from Chleago, and will delay to day's west-bound "figer" forty minutes starling.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 27.—The mercury at 7 p. m. is 15 below and still falling. Trains all behind time, and none in on the lillinois Central since 9 last evening. Sky clear and little wind.

Pittsuung, Pa., Dec. 28.—The blizzard struck this city this evening and the mercury dropped 30 degrees in a few hours. At 10 o'clock to-night it was 9 degrees above zero and is still failing. It is probable that zero will be reached before morring. The highest velocity of wind to-day was 40 miles an hour.

Itish-American Club,

Irish-American Club. As soon as Col. James G. Healey, pres lent of the Irish-American Club, returns from his home in New Haven, Conu., a from his home in New Haven, Conn., a meeting of the club will be held to arrange for the second reception and hop. The first reception held a year ago at Masonic Temple was such a brilliant affair that it has been the talk of the friends of the club ever since. On New Year's day the members will keep open house, and friends calling will receive a most cordial welcome.

Cord and Twine Sale New York, Nec. 23.—Many representatives of dar and twine houses were present at the annual sale of twines, cords, &c. to-day, There were 388 lots soid, which realized \$20,002.

GEN. SHERMAN is in the city, and called or he President yesterday. Lond Lansnowne's injuries are triding, condisting mainly of a black eye.
Miss Hannis Addas leaves next week for s hort stay with friends in Georgia.

EUTOR VAN MATER, of the Lyons (N. Y. entinel, died suddenly yesterday morning. JUDGE RAPALLO, of the New York court of appeals, died yesterday after a long littees, PRESIDENT WEISTER, of the Columbia Iron Works of Ballimore, was in the city yester-

days next week in Philadelphia with Mrs Bayersderfer, James D. Hunb, of the firm of 119

Mifflin & Co., book publishers, Buston, dis-

resterday, aged 55, Cor. BENNETT II. YOUNG, of Louisville yesterday elected an honorary member of the Louisville Board of Trade. • Mr. HESRY R. ELLIOTT, the author and

tays here with his mother. C. EUGENE WOLFFE, the Royal Geographica Saciety's explorer, arrived in New York yes-terday on route to England. Geomon B. Mansun, for many years manager of the Dexter Driving Park, Chicago, died there yesterday. He was also a prominent

local politician.

ARE AMERICANS UNGRATEFUL In Their Treatment of the Veterans of

the Late War ?

The notiday camp fire of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, G. A. R., given at the G. A. Hall last evening, was well attended by the comrades and their families and visiting comrades. Post Commander Chas. P. Lin olo presided. On the platform were Hon,

John O'Donnell, Col. W. F. Morse, Dr. H. A. Robbins, and others. At 8 o'clock the fife and drum corps marched into the hell playing "Mosslight on the Lake," the bella attached to the drums producing a very effective accom-uationer.

Rev. E. D. Daniels addressed the con Rev. E. D. Daniels addressed the comrades, congratulating them on the growth
and standing of the post, on whose roster
some of the greatest soldiers' names were
curolled. The wealthy classes of the
country were needed, but the men who
saved the union, and whose armiess sleeves
and crippled forms attested their brave
deeds, did not come from the very rich,
who, as a rule, procured a substitute. The
people forget the gratitude due the Grand
Army men. The ingratitude of the Indians,
who leave their aged warriors on the plains
to die neglected, is considered ungrateful,
out when it is remembered that Union
veterans die daily in atmshouses, the
American nation was not far removed from
them.

Miss Bertin Liocole, daughter, of Carl

American nation was not in reactive them.

Miss Berthn Lincoln, daughter of Capt. Charles P. Lincoln, post commander, desighted the audience with her mezzo-oprano voice in the restative and aria "Judith," and to repealed encores responded with "Good by" and "My Love is

Jone."
Hop. &Wm. Cogswell, post commander, department Massachusetts, addressed the post on the trials, sufferings, and hard ships sustained by the boys in bige or Post Commander Castles P. Lincoln, in a peat address, stated how religitantly he

a neat address, stated how reluctabily he gave up the gave to his successor, thanked the post for the many honors showered upon him, and called on Senior Post Commander W. B. Brown to install his successor, Col. Lyman B. Batler, who, on taking the chair, happily responded.

Mr. W. A. Cooffut kept the audience is ugling all through his address, "Our War Correspondent," and referred to the effective information furnished the government by such war correspondents as Henry

ment by such war correspondents as Henry Villard, Urlah Painter, A. H. Byington, and others.
Hop. J. O'Donnell, of the department of Ilon. J. O'Donnell, of the department of Michigan, was the next speaker, and in a stirring address recounted the perils and sufferings of the veterans, and the luke-warm sympathy shown for them now, and thought it a shame to the nation that the men who preserved the Union were almost forgotten and those in need not provided for.

or.
The camp fire closed by Mr. DeWitt C.
brague reciting the poem "Maguire," and
was heartly enjoyed throughout.

FASHIONABLE LUNCHES In Which Flags and Flowers Play

Prominent Parts. Mrs. Joseph N. Dolph gave a red, white nd blue lunch yesterday to sixteen ladies. The center of the table was adorned by a great china bowl full of American Beauty the mational colors in picot edge satin ribbons, and from the centerpiece, as from the hut of a wheel, radiated styteen red, white, and blue ribbons, each ribbon ending at the plate of a guest, whose name was insertibed in gold, with the date above the fringing. The white tapers in the gold candelairs were ted with tiny ribbons, and the very rolls of breaf proclaimed by a similar decoration that they belonged to the land of the free and the home of the brave. The guests were Mrs. Justice Miller, Mrs. Justice Field, Mrs. Benjamin H. Warder, Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Neill, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Richard Nixon, Mrs. John M. Moore, Mrs. Cockrell, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Clementina Rodney, of Oregon, and Mrs. Lamont.

Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. Pollok, Mrs. Hermann K. Viele, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Houte of Field, Mrs. Acet Magnider, daughter of Chief Justice Richardson, gave an enjoyable luncheon party to ladies on Tuesday. The favors were bunches of Roman hyacinths and Bonsilene roses. The guests were Mrs. Justice Field, Mrs. Achiert Bacon, Mrs. Elward McCulety, Mrs. McPherson, and Mrs. Titian Coffey.

Minister Quesada gives a small ainner party to public to public very project of extending North Cauloi sireet, as project of extending North Cauloi sireet, as project of extending North Cauloi sireet, as proj roses. From the chandelier depended the national colors in picot edge satin ribbons,

intention of spending the winter here.

The Lot Owners Will Fight A meeting of the board of directors of the Prospect Hill Commercy was held last night at the house of Mr. C. A. Sautter, SN Ninth street. The full board consists of Ninth street. The full board consists of eight members, and six of them were present: John L. Vogt, C. Eckert, Chas Graff, Frederick Imhof, J. A. Griesbauer, and Louis Kettler. They represent the independent lot owners, and declare that they will fight the commissioners to the bitter end on the North Capitol street extension plan.

plan,
Mr. W. F. Mattingly has been retained to
look after the interests of the lot owners.
An indignation meeting of the German
citizens will be held next Wednesday evening, and some interesting facts will doubt

less be disclosed.

The Most Satisfactory Piano, One of the most durable and satisfactory planes known to professional musicians is the one made by Ives & Pond. One hundred of these instruments are in use for oine hours of each day at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, the largest musical college in the world. These pianos are for sale at Waldecker's, 521 Seventh street. The Everett piano, "an honest plano at an honest price," can also be had there. Waldecker has also a large steck of organs, small instruments, violin and guitar strings, and sheet and book music.

The Washington High School, The senual meeting and banquet of the raduating class of 1885, of the Washing en high school, at Willard's Hotel last ten high school, at Willard's Hotel last evening, was attended by about seventy young gentlemen and ladles. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, W. A. Pollard; first vice president, J. L. Wirt; second vice president, Wm. Stroubridge; tressurer, George, Hurlebas, after which social conversation and dancing were indulged in until the early hours.

until the early hours

Hop of the Fencilies. The National Fencibles last night gave an informal hop at their armory on Twelfth street. There was a large attendance of friends present, and every one was delighted with the reception given them. The music for the occasion was excellent, and was furnished by Hinton & Greenwell's

The drag hunt, which was to have taken face yesterday, was postponed on account of unfavorable weather. The start will be from Brightwood, to day, at 1 o'clock, if the heavy winds now prevailing do not blow Brightwood off the face of the earth

before the hour named. Return of the President.

The presidential party which went to attend Mr. Manning's funeral at Albany, with the exception of Col. Lamout, re-

The Weather. For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia-Fair weather, brisk to higher

northwesterly winds, diminishing in force Thursday night, colder, with a cold wave Thermometer readings; 7 s. m., 47.0°; 3 p. m., 44.0°; 11 p. m., 22.0°; mean temperature, 25.0°; maximum, 47.0°; minimum, 21.0°; mean relative humidRy, 73.00; total precipitation

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP

TO WHICH THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME REDUCED.

andalism Without a Remedy-"A Few Dutch Graves" Oppose Col. Ludlow's Project-Destroying Five Hundred Burial Lots to Extend a Street.

[Special to Commercial Gazette,]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27,—"There is nothing in the way of my plan but little German cemetery." This is the anguage in which President Clevolaud's ngineer commissioner announces that the apreme court of the District has interfered stop his invasion and desceration of one Washington.

Without authority of any kind but force, exerted through the one-man military dic-tatorship to which the government of Washington has been reduced, and which he President sees fit to tolerate, Commissioner Ludiow a short time since sent a force of District workmen to tear down the fence of a German burying ground, and to cut away the trees within, along the line of one of his suburban street extensions. The courts have stopped him by a temporary injunction, and this delay is explained in the words given above, which are to the effect that there is nothing in the way but

the words given abova, which are to the effect that there is nothing in the way but "a few Dutch graves."

This case involves most outrageous vandalism and sacrilege. These are all the more an outrage because perpetrated by officials whose authority is derived directly from the President of the United States, and whose arts are daily performed under his immediate eye.

At the extremity of North Capitol street, on the slope overlooking the city, and within plain sight of the capitol, lies Prospect Hill Cemetery, the burial ground of the Germans of the District. It is a compact inclosure of seventeen acres, and for thirty sears the Germans of the national capital have here laid their dead to rest. It is highly improved, and the loving care of a race which does not forget its dead is shown on all sides in the chaste, elaborate, and beautiful improvements and adoraments of the place.

But the march of greedy real estate speculation has reached the limits of these consecrated grounds, and it demands that an avenue 190 feet wide be opened through them at public expense chiefly, that a Philadelphia and District syndicate may bring its lands into the market and make the owners rich.

There are few if any private Universe the

delphia and District syndicate may bring its lands into the market and make the owners rich.

There are few if any private Uncers with line of this projected extension who need for a skep or ask for this improvement. Virtually it has been forbidden by direct prohibition of Congress. Almost the only present interests which would be advanced in case of its consummation would be those indicated. And to serve these interests, and there alone, it is proposed to extend North Capitol street for about a mile over a rough, ascending country, for a width of 130 feet.

This "little German cemetery" stands in the way. A force under Col. Ludlow, with axes, picks, and shovels, advanced on it. The first day they broke down the fence across the line of the proposed invasion in the face of protests and warnings from the officials of the grounds, and the next day returned and began to cut away the shade trees and the shrubbery inside the grounds in spite of the same protests and warnings which were unavailing for the protection of the place; and so this force of graveyard despoilers, acting under the authority of the engineer commissioner, who in turn derives his sole power to do this act of vandalism from the President, went on until the court stepped in and compelled them to stop.

When this injunction was served the

ley, Mrs. McPherson, and Mrs. Titian Coffey.

Minister Quesada gives a small dinner party to night.

Mrs. and Miss Bennett, of Evausville, and Miss Bennett, of Evausville, ind., are is the city at the Eublit, with the shalle, which will delay the work. The extended street would require to pass through a little German cemetery which lies lust above the present end of the street. The ground can be obtained by the commissioners only by the rousent of the owners or by condemnation. The owners, who are a loint steek company, cannot give their consent because their charter obtained from Congress stipulates that no road shall run through the cemetery, and it is containly, in the light of that provision in an act of Congress, the courts would condemn the property for the use of the commissioners. It may be necessary to have the charter amended by act of Congress.

The Germans of this vicioity opened these grounds and began to bury in them in 1858. Two years later Congress gave them a charter for the cemetery. This act of incorporation provides in its first section "that seventeen contiguous acres shall be forever appropriated and set apart as a cemetery." Section 3 provides "that no streets, lanes, aleys, roads, or canals of any sort shall be opened through the property of said corporation exclusively approof said corporation exclusively appro-priated to the purpose of a cemetery." An-other section provides severe penalties for destroying trees or shrubs.
Up to the 19th of November last there had been 4,000 burials in these seventeen

Up to the 19th of November last there bad been 4,000 burials in these seventeen acres, a large number in proportion to the German population of the city. There have been besides many Germans buriel in a Catholic ground.

These prohibitions of the charter stamp every step of Col. Ludlow as illegal. More than that, they were taken after the attorney of the District had formally advised the commissioners that the extension could not be legally carried through this graveyard, the positive act of Congress quoted above standing in the way.

But law has ceased to hamper this official of the President, and his associate comsloners have long ago abandoned any attempt to hold him to the observance of law, and have thus made themselves fully responsible for all his acts.

For the vandalism thus detailed there is no remedy in the capital of the country, for the simple reason that a man supported by the President in official position may invade private rights at will and be caunot well be punished. The court may restrain. This is the sixth time they have interfered to compel the observance of the plainest laws. There would be abundant remedy for such outrage lease yvillage of the land.

The contemplated extension cuts through laws. There would be abundant remedy for such outrage in any village of the land. The contemplated extension cuts through and dest ogs about 500 burial lots. As these are in a comparatively new portion of the grounds there are not many graves in the direct line of the projected street. But the necessary deep cuts and corresponding fills would destroy the symmetry of the grounds and its highly improved and beautiful roads. Besides this, about one-third of the cemetery would be effectually cut off from the other.

from the other.

It is needless to pursue the subject. It is seeped in disgrace and outrage in its overy feature, and the odium of it attaches alike to the President and to his commisalike to the President and to his commis-sioners. So long as the former tolerates the latter, the acts of these are the acts of the President. As the matter now stands there is nothing between a great real estate syndicate and the consummation of its speculations but the graves of 4,000 Ger-mans in a "little German cemetery" within sight of the capitol of the United States. H. V. B.

The Sunday School of the Caurch of the Accession held its Christmas celebration last night at the church. The prominent feature of the service was the carols sung by the little ones. Christmas gifts were distributed to all the children. The attend-ance of friends and parents of the children was large, and the occasion was a pleasant one. Hev. Dr. Elliott, rector of the church, delivered an address.